GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3043
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2000
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eastern Railway had issued an appeal in newspapers inconnection with the recent devastating flood havoc and subsequently withdrew the said appeal; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) : An appeal was published in the local newspapers by Eastern Railway on 28th September, 2000 seeking people`s co-operation to help restoration of damaged rail links, as there were instances of obstruction, gherao and manhandling of Railway personnel engaged in restoration work, by the people demanding relief materials. The wording of the appeal, however, created some misunderstanding. The Railway expressed regrets duly clarifying the facts in the newspapers the very next day.